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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN REACTION TO MOZAMBIKAN MASSACRE STORIES

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1. LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE OF MOZAMBIQUE MASSACRE STORY HAS BEEN HEAVY OVER PAST WEEK, INCLUDING FULL REPRINT OF ORIGINAL STORY FROM LONDON TIMES IN JULY 14 DAILY MAIL. GRZ STATEMENT ISSUED JULY 16 CONDEMNED "DASTARDLY MURDERS PERPETRATED BY PORTUGUESE FASCISTS AND THEIR COLLABORATORS." STATEMENT VOICED SUPPORT FOR "THOSE OF OUR FELLOWMEN AND WOMEN IN BRITAIN" DEMONSTRATING AGAINST CAETANO VISIT. GRZ APPEALED TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, "AND IN PARTICULAR TO PORTUGAL'S SUPPORTERS IN NATO," TO ERADICATE PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM "IMMEDIATELY AND WITHOUT COMPROMISE."

2. FRELIMO STATEMENT ISSUED HERE JULY 17 SAME AS THAT ISSUED DAR JULY 13. ACTING LUSAKA REPRESENTATIVE XAVIER SULILA TOLD EMBOFF
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JULY 16 HE DID NOT KNOW LOCATION OF WIRIYAMU VILLAGE NOR HEARD OF

MASSACRE BEFORE RECENT PRESS DISCLOSURES. HOWEVER, SAID KNEW PORTUGUESE PERIODICALLY ENGAGED IN THIS TYPE ACTION. IN STATEMENT TO PRESS JULY 11 SULILA SAID MASSACRE WAS PART OF PORTUGUESE POLICY OF KILLING INNOCENT CIVILIANS WHEN DEFEATED IN BATTLE. ADDED HE HOPED THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH SUPPLY WEAPONS TO PORTUGAL "NOW KNOW WHERE AND HOW THOSE ARMS ARE USED."

3. BOTH LOCAL PAPERS RAN EDITORIALS JULY 12 CONDEMNING PORTUGUESE COLONIAL POLICY BUT ALSO CALLING ON AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO GIVE MORE THAN "LIP SERVICE" TO LIBERATION STRUGGLE. TIMES OF ZAMBIA STATED COUNTRIES WHICH HAD NOT BORNE THEIR SHARE OF "COSTLY BURDEN" SHOULD INCREASE MATERIAL AID TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY MAIL SAID AFRICAN MEMBERS SHOULD RAISE WIRIAMU MATTER AT SECURITY COUNCIL AND LABELED MASSACRE AS "MOST SHOCKING SAVAGE ACT THAT WORLD HAS WITNESSED SINCE MASS EXECUTIONS OF JEWS IN HITLER'S GERMANY." RETURNING TO SUBJECT FOLLOWING DAY, DAILY MAIL CALLED RECENT EVENTS EVIDENCE OF "NEW DARK AGE" AND FOUND IT "AMAZING THAT CONSCIENCE OF WORLD HAS HARDLY BEEN STIRRED BY THESE EVIL HAPPENINGS."

4. AT LUSAKA PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 13, THREE EAST GERMAN TV JOURNALISTS WHO SPENT TWO WEEKS IN MOZAMBIQUE CLAIMED PORTUGUESE GUILY OF GENOCIDE, TORTURE, RAPE AND FORCED LABOR AGAINST CIVILIAN POPULATION. SAID THEY HAD SEEN VILLAGE IN TETE BURNED BY PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS AND WERE TOLD BY FRELIMO OFFICIALS ALL OCCUPANTS HAD BEEN KILLED. CLAIMED THEY "OFTEN SAW SOUTH AFRICAN AND RHODESIAN MILITARY PLANES IN MALOVA DISTRICT" OF TETE. LEADER OF TEAM NAMED ULRICH MAKOSCH. WILKOWSKI

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